According to the terms of the agreement what amount are the Committee to pay; how much they actually paid?

Rao Sahib Mr. C. Matthai.—Rs. 3,495—2—7.

The Committee have to make good this amount according to the agreement. They have paid nothing yet and the matter is under correspondence.

Mr. T. A. Ramachandra Ayyar.—How long was this amount due?

Rao Sahib Mr. C. Matthai.—About a year, I should think.

Kole cultivation.

156. Mr. C V. Kuriyan.—Will the Government be pleased to state:—

(a) whether it has been receiving complaints during the last decade that kole cultivation in the State was becoming more expensive;

(b) whether the Government have enquired into the causes which have gone to increase the cost of kole cultivation; if so, what are the causes;

(c) whether the Government have noted that year after year kole cultivation has been becoming more and more unpopular amongst the agriculturists;

(d) whether the Government have discovered the reasons for the growing unpopularity;

(e) whether the Government has taken any action upon the report submitted by the Kole Committee appointed during the Diwanship of Sir (then Mr.) T. Vijayaraghavacharya; if the answer to question (e) be in the affirmative, what are the steps the Government have taken on the Kole Committee's report; whether action on the Kole Committee's report was dropped at any stage; if so, when, at what stage and why?

Rao Sahib Mr. T. V. Kasturi Ranga Ayyar.—(a) Yes.

(b), (c), (d) and (e). The Member is referred to the Diwan's Proceedings, dated 10th July 1926 and 1st January 1927, P. No. 598 of 1101, published on pages 690 and 133 and 134 of the Cochin Government Gazette, dated 26th Mithunam 1101 and 24th Dhanu 1102, which set forth the nature of the investigations made in the matter and the orders passed thereon by Government.

Toll-gate in Chowwara.

157. Mr. K. P. Kannan Nayar.—Will the Government be pleased to state:—

(a) when the toll-bar on the road from Chowwara to Vellarappalli was put up;

(b) whether the Government are aware that the people of the locality feel thetoll as an unjustifiable burden on them;

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